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5.	Braithwaite & Co. Ltd.	17.	HMT (Watches) Ltd.
6.	Burn Standard & Co. Ltd.	18.	Instrumentation Ltd.
7.	BBJ Construction Co. Ltd.	19.	NEPA Ltd.
8.	Sambhar Salts Ltd.	20.	Praga Tools Ltd.
9.	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	21.	Richardson & Cruddas Ltd.
10.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	22.	Triveni Structural Ltd.
11	Heavy Engg. Corpn. Ltd.	23.	Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.
12.	Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.	24.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.

The reason for loss includes shortage of orders and working capital, creasing competition, high cost of production due to excessive manpower and inability to access modern technology etc.

(c) to (e) Evaluation of surplus land/assets is undertaken on a case to case basis on the advise of concerned agencies like BIFR, AAIFR, High Court, operating agency/consultants preparing revival plans etc. Specific Committees have accordingly been constituted, where necessary.

OIC's new entity for overseas oil exploration

2975. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR.AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed Oil India Limited to constitute a new entity to acquire oil exploration and production properties abroad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether Government will consider extending similar allowances to other public enterprises dealing in oil and petroleum;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Subjects transferred to Panchayats

t2976. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under 73rd and 74th amendments of the Constitution, 23 main subjects were to be transferred to the Panchayats;

(b) if so, the names of the States in which these subjects have been transferred; and

(c) the steps being taken by Central Government to get these subjects transferred to Panchayats in the States where the same have not been transferred as yet?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Article 243G of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 provides that the State Legislature may devolve powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats with respect to the implementation of Schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule. This Schedule lists 29 matters.

(b) and (c) As the Constitution provides that it is legislatures of States that will endow the Panchayati Raj Institutions with powers and authority, all the States covered by the 73rd Amendment Act, have devolved matters to them in varying measure. Effective devolution of functions would need to be accompanied by devolution of funds and functionaries to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in order to empower them to function as institutions of self government in accordance with the Constitutional mandate. In order to evolve a national consensus on the measures to be taken to strengthen Panchayati Raj and ensure that Panchayati Raj Institutions function as institutions of self-government as envisaged in Part IX of the Constitution, the Ministry of Panchayati

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